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SUBJECT: INDIAN PARTICIPATION IN CIEC DIALOGUE

REF: NEW DELHI 2130

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COMPLETE REPORTING ON CIEC COMMISSIONS WHICH MET IN PARIS FROM FEBRUARY 10-20. INDIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE ENERGY COMMISSION, WAS LIMITED; THE INTERVENTIONS OF ITS DELEGATES WERE FEW AND WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT IMPORT. IN THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION THE INDIAN DELEGATE WAS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY, SUPPORTING
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SELECTED FACETS OF THE G-19 POSITION WHICH WERE CONSONENT

WITH INDIA'S INTERESTS. AS WITH MOST OTHER LDC REPRESENTATIVES, THE INDIAN DELEGATES DID NOT DEVIATE FROM THE G-19 POSITIONS HAMMERED OUT IN THE JANUARY NEGOTIATIONS IN PARIS.

2. REFTEL REQUESTED ASSESSMENT OF INDIAN PARTICIPATION AND INFLUENCE IN THE MEETINGS OF THE CIEC COMMISSIONS. THE INDIANS WERE ACCESSIBLE AND FRIENDLY IN CORRIDOR CONTACTS, BUT OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THEY DID NOT TAKE ANY MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE G-19 CAUCUS ON ENERGY ISSUES THEN THEY DID IN THE FORMAL COMMISSION MEETINGS. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THE INDIANS WILL TAKE THE LEAD IN CHALLENGING OPEC LEADERSHIP OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. NEVERTHELESS,

IN NEW DELHI AND IN PARIS, WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE CLOSE CONTACT AND CONSULTATION WITH THE INDIANS IN ORDER TO TRY TO INFLUENCE THEIR ATTITUDES AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO FOLLOW COUNTRIES, SUCH AS BRAZIL, WHICH APPEAR WILLING TO TAKE A MORE INDEPENDENT LINE BOTH IN THE G-19 CAUCUS AND IN THE COMMISSION ITSELF. IN THE ENERGY COMMISSION, THE INDIAN DELEGATION WAS LED BY A.S. MEHTA (DIRECTOR, MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM), WITH U.N. ABHYANKAR, (FIRST SECRETARY, INDIAN EMBASSY PARIS) SERVING AS HIS ALTERNATE.

3. IN THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, DR. R.M. HONAVER (MINISTER, INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION IN LONDON) HEADED THE INDIA' DELEGATION HE WAS ASSISTED BY A. HODA (DEPUTY SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE). THE TWO WERE SEATED NEXT TO THE U.S. DELEGATE AND DEVELOPED A HELPFUL WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM DURING THE MEETINGS. HONAVER AND HODA TOOK A RELATIVELY ACTIVE PART IN THE DIALOGUE, SELECTING FOR SUPPORT THE TENETS OF THE G-19 POSITION WHICH REPRESENTED INDIAN VIEWS AND GENERALLY DEFINING THE G-19 POSITION AS REFLECTING INDIA'S PHILOSOPHY. THUS WHILE THE INDIANS DID NOT OPENLY BREAK RANKS AT ANY TIME WITH THE G-19 THEY WERE ABLE TO INTERPRET THE LDC POSITION TO SUPPORT INDIAN INTERESTS ON TRADE ISSUES. THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE FIRST SESSION WAS CERTAINLY NOT UNHELPFUL, SINCE IT CONTRIBUTED TO THE BUSINESSLIKE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WE HOPE TO MAINTAIN AND PROVIDE AN LDC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VOICE WHEN OTHER G-19 DELEGATIONS WERE FREQUENTLY SILENT.

4. WE APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S NEED FOR MORE DETAILED REPORTING AND WILL ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON INTERACTION IN THE COMMISSION SESSIONS AS NECESSARY TO ENABLE POSTS TO KEEP ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS. KISSINGER

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